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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PRICE of Georgia).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 26, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM PRICE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend Richard K. Barnard, Rector, The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas, offered the following prayer:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God, King of the Universe, who hast taught us through Thy servant David that those who rule must be just. Grant to the Members of this House, and to all those to whom we entrust the authority of government, the spirit of wisdom and truth. Direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of Thy glory and to the safety, honor and welfare of the people, that there may be peace at home and that we may show forth righteousness among the nations of the Earth. Give to the Members of this House courage, fearlessly to contend against evil and to give no place to oppression. And to the end that they, and all the people of this land, may properly use Thy gift of freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURGESS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING REVEREND RICHARD K. BARNARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to welcome my pastor, Reverend Richard Kevin Barnard. I am honored that Father Barnard is here today to lead us in glory and praise of our Almighty. Reverend Barnard has served as rector of The Chapel of the Cross, a Reformed Episcopal Church, since July of 1989. He has also served Reformed Episcopal congregations in New Jersey and New York.

Before coming to The Chapel, Father Barnard was director of communications for the International Bible Society, which was then located in East Brunswick, New Jersey. In that capacity, he was a regular participant in the monthly White House Forum for Religious Organizations during the Reagan administration and represented the Bible Society at public and private events, traveling to Central America, Europe, Africa and Asia.

Father Barnard is the author of two books and numerous articles, and is also a Past Master of the Roy Stanley Masonic Lodge in Dallas.

Before becoming a Reformed Episcopalian, the Reverend Barnard was a

Baptist pastor, serving congregations in Missouri, Florida and Tennessee. He is a graduate of Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, and holds a master of divinity degree from Cummins Theological Seminary, a Reformed Episcopal seminary in Summer-ville, South Carolina.

Father Barnard is married to the former Miss Paula Ann Henderson of Fort Worth, Texas. They have four children and two grandchildren. Their youngest son, Adam, is currently serving aboard the USS *Los Angeles* stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Father Barnard's gracious presence and true dedication to the work and word of Christ is an instrumental part of my life. He guides his flock diligently and challenges us to remain faithful to pursuing our walk with Christ daily. I am thankful for his leadership and his presence here today. It is truly an honor.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to make an announcement.

After consultation among the Speaker and the majority and minority leaders, the Chair announces that during the joint meeting to hear an address by His Excellency Nouri Al-Maliki, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those on his right and left will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House.

Due to the large attendance that is anticipated, the Chair feels the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly adhered to.

Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor, and the cooperation of all Members is requested.

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The practice of reserving seats prior to the joint meeting by placard will not be allowed. Members may reserve their seats by physical presence only following the security sweep of the Chamber.

# RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 20, 2006, the House stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 6 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1051

## JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY NOURI AL-MALIKI, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

The Speaker of the House presided.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Bill Sims, announced the Vice President and Members of the U.S. Senate who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the Vice President taking the chair at the right of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to escort His Excellency Nouri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, into the Chamber:

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT);

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE);

The gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER);

The gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN);

The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA);

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI);

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER);

The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN);

The gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON); and

The gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS).

The VICE PRESIDENT. The President of the Senate, at the direction of that body, appoints the following Senators as members of the committee on the part of the Senate to escort His Excellency Nouri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, into the House Chamber:

The Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST);

The Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL);

The Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS);

The Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM);

The Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON);

The Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL);  
The Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE);

The Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS);

The Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID); and

The Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN).

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, His Excellency Jesse Bibiano Marehalau, Ambassador of Micronesia.

The Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seat reserved for him.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Cabinet of the President of the United States.

The Members of the Cabinet of the President of the United States entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seats reserved for them in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

At 11 o'clock and 6 minutes a.m., the Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced His Excellency Nouri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq.

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, escorted by the committee of Senators and Representatives, entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and stood at the Clerk's desk.

[Applause, the Members rising.]

The SPEAKER. Members of the Congress, it is my great privilege and I deem it a high honor and a personal pleasure to present to you His Excellency Nouri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq.

[Applause, the Members rising.]

## ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY NOURI AL-MALIKI, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

Prime Minister AL-MALIKI. In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Your Excellency the Speaker of the House, Mr. Vice President, honorable ladies and gentlemen, Members of Congress, it is with great pleasure that I am able to take this opportunity to be the first democratically and constitutionally elected Prime Minister of Iraq to address you, the elected representatives of the American people, and I thank you for affording me this unique chance to speak at this respected assembly.

Let me begin by thanking the American people through you and on behalf of the Iraqi people for supporting our people in ousting dictatorship. Iraq will not forget those who stood with her and who continue to stand with her in times of need.

Thank you for your continued resolve in helping us fight the terrorists plaguing Iraq, which is a struggle to defend our nascent democracy and our people who aspire to liberty, democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

All of those are not Western values. They are universal values for humanity. They are as much for me the pinnacle embodiment of my faith and religion and they are for all free spirits. The war on terror is a real war against those who wish to burn out the flame of freedom. We are in this vanguard for defending the values of humanity.

I know that some of you here question whether Iraq is part of the war on terror. Let me be very clear. This is a battle between true Islam, for which a person's liberty and rights constitute essential cornerstones, and terrorism which wraps itself in a fake Islamic cloak, in reality wages a war on Islam and Muslims and values and spreads hatred between humanity contrary to our Koran which says, We have created you male and female and made you tribes and families that you know each other. Surely the noblest of you in the sight of God is the best conduct. The truth is that terrorism has no religion. Our faith says that who kills an innocent has killed all mankind.

Thousands of lives were tragically lost on September 11 when these imposters of Islam reared their ugly heads. Thousands more continue to die in Iraq today at the hands of the same terrorists who show complete disregard for human life. Your loss on that day was a loss of all mankind and our loss today is a loss for all free people. Wherever humankind suffers a loss at the hands of terrorists, it is a loss for all humanity.

It is your duty and our duty to defeat this terror. Iraq is the front line in this struggle and history will prove that the sacrifices of Iraqis for freedom will not be in vain. Iraqis are your allies in the war on terror and history will record their bravery and humanity. The fate of our country and yours is tied. Should democracy be allowed to fail in Iraq and terror permitted to triumph, then the war on terror will never be won elsewhere.

Mr. Speaker, we are building a new Iraq on a foundation of democracy and are erecting it through our belief in the rights of every individual, just as Saddam has destroyed it through his abuse of all those rights, so that future Iraqi generations can live in peace, prosperity and hope. Iraqis have tasted freedom, and we will defend it absolutely.

Every human possesses inalienable rights which transcend religion as it is stated in the international convention of human rights. They transcend religion, race and gender. God says in the Koran: "And surely we have honored all children of Adam." I believe these human rights are not an artifact construct reserved for the few. They are the divine entitlement for all. It is on this unwavering belief that we are determined to build our nation, a land whose people are free, whose air is liberty and where the rule of law is supreme. This is the new Iraq which is emerging from the ashes of dictatorship and, despite the carnage of extremists, a country which respects